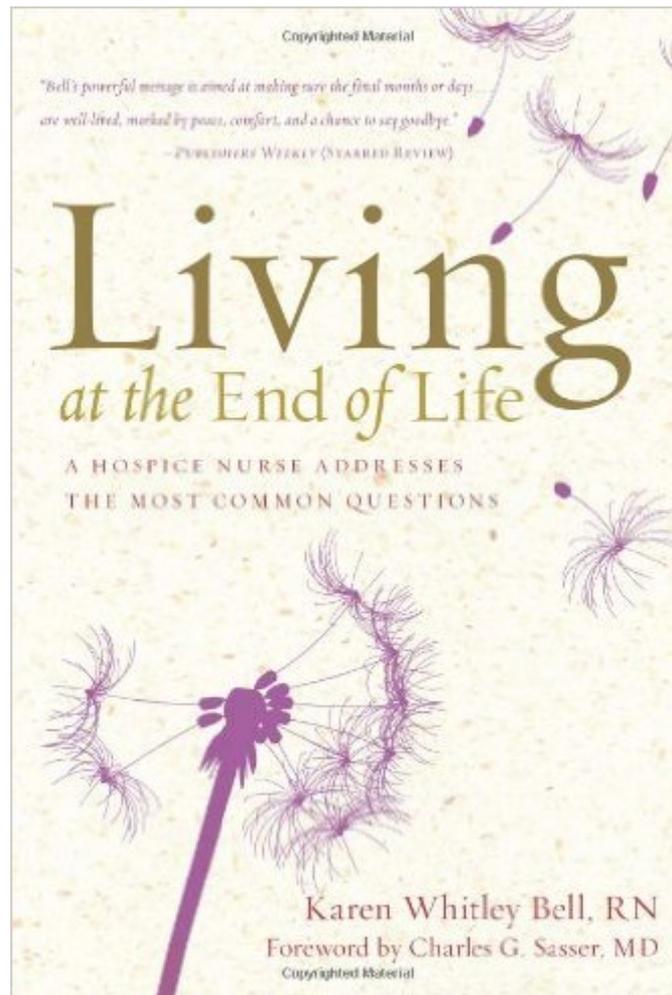


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# Living At The End Of Life: A Hospice Nurse Addresses The Most Common Questions



## Synopsis

A surprisingly warm and informative resource on hospice and other end-of-life care options--now available in paper! Individuals approaching the end of life, and their loved ones, face many challenges--but as hospice nurse Karen Whitley Bell reassures us, this difficult time also offers an opportunity to explore and rediscover a richer meaning in life. Drawing on her years of experience, Bell has created a comprehensive, insightful guide to every aspect of hospice care and the final stages of life. For people in hospice care, as well as their friends and families, this is an indispensable reference, a trustworthy source of comfort and spiritual healing.

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I recommend this book for anyone involved with hospice care... from patients and caregivers to hospice staff members and volunteers. The book is easy to read and is loaded with good, practical information. I enjoyed the stories that addressed the issues faced by hospice patients and their family members. Every aspect of hospice care is covered... from symptom management and medication use to the emotional challenges faced by patients and their caregivers. I wish that I had this book available to me when I started working as a hospice nurse. I checked out the book from my local library and now recommending that my hospice purchase several copies for staff use and to loan out or give to our patients. I can't think of one thing that the book didn't cover. For hospices, this book should be required reading for all new staff. For those considering hospice for themselves or a loved one... this is the only book that you need to buy.

I have purchased this book for different family members that have loved ones entering hospice. In such an uncertain time this book was a grounding force that gave my family a way to understand what they were going through and a guide to make the most of this time. Not only did it help them understand the process, it made them better advocates and helped them better connect with their loved one in hospice care. In removing some of the fear and the unknown *Living at the End of Life* is a gift for those in the midst of the hospice experience.

I bought this book for my Mother, who has a terminal illness. Here's what she had to say: "I have nearly completed the book you gave us, thank you so very much. It is wonderful! It answers many questions, and your Father will read it also. There are many answers to precisely the questions that have been spinning around in my head. I think with this information, we will be able to move forward in the best way and in the best times."

I read this lovely book as a dear friend moved into the final four months of her life. It gave me invaluable insights and information that I'm sure strengthened the support I was able to offer to my friend and her husband. It was amazing how often I found myself quoting from it. It helped me to appreciate the precious gift of time together.

Not only does Karen Bell cover every topic related to hospice, she does it in such a conversational manner that you feel as if she is in the room. She answers questions you didn't know you had, as well as those you were afraid to ask.

Read this book as research for my new company. Outstanding; it is amazing how ignorant we are to the process of dying, and even more so, how negligent we are in our preparation & handling. I ended up reading it twice, and find myself revisiting certain stories. I closed the book feeling more grateful for my life than ever before. In the 2 weeks since I've read it, I've changed. I view every waking moment with possibility and adventure. I've done things and made solid plans to do things I'd put off for years. I have also been asking around to see if anyone knows anyone who is taking care of a sick family member; I'm ready to assist. I am ready to LIVE!!! THANK YOU so much Nurse Bell.

The book entitled, "*Living at the End of Life*" was extremely comforting to one of my family members when her mother was near the end of life and in a Hospice Care Facility. She raved about the fact

that it was so very comforting to her and has since loaned it to several friends who are faced with the near death of a loved one. I had planned to purchase the book and pass it on to a friend, but decided to keep it in my library, as my own. **Living at the End of Life: A Hospice Nurse Addresses the Most Common Questions**

If you are experiencing or expect to experience the slow death of someone close to you this is a must have guide. It also is good for the stoic approach to one's own demise. It is the reality of coping with death in a how-to format.

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